

## CORE August 2025 Minutes

Tuesday, August 5th, 2025

6pm -8pm

UP Civic Building – 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Conference Room

3609 Market Place W – take elevator up to 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

**Attendees in person and online:** Rich Knowles, Debbie Klosowski, Tony West(operation manager), Monty Stranski, Rick Mercier, Lysie Patschke, Steve Foss, Bill Horn, Jessica Hannity ,Barry Crust , Kris Docherty

**Approval of Minutes-** August approved

**Treasurer's Report** \$14,123.35 outstanding expenses Jugs \$45.00.plus\$400 invoice from Jessica's pruning. We have not heard from Robert regarding his pruning for 2025.

**Volunteer Hours** – Orchard hours **59.0(July)203.2(August)**

**Staff Report-** Sprays, irrigation, Dumpster, porta potties, Twisted Cider Report- contractor showed up on concert day to spray, watching irrigation, dumpster needs to be moved for cider squeeze, in error received 3 porta potties. We asked Tony for an extension of porta potties till after 31st harvest day. Twisted Cider Run went well. Contractor for spraying arrived on July was the 24<sup>th</sup> to spray which was concert day. They were scheduled to spray on 23<sup>rd</sup>. Chambers Bay Women's club were still in the barn after everyone was gone. The issue of liability came up for anyone in the barn without a core member or a city employee present. Debbie and Barry will cover the upcoming concerts. Tony says we need to trim low hanging branches to allow for the mowing.

**Website** - No current update. Debbie will get with Lysie for cider squeeze updates for the website.

### Adoption Updates

Adoptions-Kris reported the final total adoptions were 136 . **TREE ADOPTIONS ENDED JULY 31<sup>ST</sup>**. Debbie stated we will not be taking monies for new adoptions as we are changing the fees. We will take down names and email addresses. Kayla Stewart will compile a list for future mailings.

Kiosk updates/Tree Maps-Rich kiosk tree maps updated. Website map to be done later.

Tree Tags- Barry/Rich done

THINNING-it was hard to keep up with the need to thin. The Bees did their job, so the trees were loaded this year. Even with thinning, we had two 2 major breaks. *We need signs do not climb on these 73-year-old trees. We do not want children or adults injured if the tree gives away(edit)* I observed that adults are climbing for apples as no Ladders are allowed in the orchard.

Windfalls -Debbie will send out email for volunteers 4 to picking up windfalls, Wednesday the 20<sup>th</sup> 9:30 to 12:30

### **Insect trap update-Debbie no update**

**Concerts-**Recap Future dates : Aug 7, 14, 21-good bands and the concerts were well attended

### \*Cider Squeeze --**Bring separate attachment that will be emailed before the meeting-**

- Wednesday Aug 20 Monty/Rich-Orientation optional for last years' pressers, pre-wash presses, and do walk through 10 am Debbie will send out request for volunteers that day 9:00-12:30
- Friday, Aug. 22 **Harvest High Density area & Curran sign**, bag apples  
Pick apples from unknown tree varieties and refrigerate for future ID
- Sat. Aug 23 **Cider Squeeze** Set up 8:30 am, Squeeze begins at 10-1:30/2pm  
Start takedown 1:30 pm (Wash area)

Currently Lysie has 13 slots assigned by adopters. Several of CORE members had not responded to the email so when it is resent. IT anticipate there will be more participation. Debbie will be contacting Suburban Times and City Newsletter . Core would prefer signing up for appointments. The other option first come first serve.as long as slots are available. Bill reminded that we need to make sure the people invited to the squeeze use only orchard apples.

**CITY** asked if CORE wanted to have a table at the City's birthday celebration on same day as squeeze. Tony volunteered to have our material at the Parks table. For the Parks table, Lysie was asked to create a form to capture names and email address for potential adopters or volunteers.

-Sun, Aug 31

**Community Harvest Day**—10am to 4:00

Which CORE members can attend? Check out pole buckets, info

Email list for future tree adoptions—NO ADOPTION FORMS OR MONEY ACCEPTED!

Info sheet for people or cross out adoption fees on existing brochures?

**Core coverage-** at the Harvest Day -Am 10-1-Barry and Monty, 1-4 Kris and Rich We will take names/email but no money as adoption fees will be increased for 2026 harvest season. We are to pick 5 apples for identifications later. We will sign out pole pickers using numbered pickers with names and phone numbers.

Tour Guide volunteers- Kay Townsend and Kelly Radford an adopter. They have been added to our volunteer form.

**Other brochure changes?** Tabled till next meeting October 7<sup>th</sup>. **No September meeting.**